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From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Tue 3/11/2014 7:26:45 PM
Subject: RE: Phone Calls to Missouri Residents by Republic

Thanks!

From: Washburn, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:50 PM
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Subject: Phone Calls to Missouri Residents by Republic

Curtis,

On Monday we became aware of residents in the state of Missouri receiving calls about the West Lake Landfill. Initial public thought was that EPA was making the calls. Ed Smith of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment called and inquired if we were making these calls. He subsequently posted to the West Lake Landfill Facebook page that the calls were not from EPA.

I spoke with Russ Knocke, Director of Communications for Republic Services, and he confirmed to me that the Coalition to Keep Us Safe (<http://coalitiontokeepussafe.com/>) is the organization making the calls. This group is sponsored by Republic Services. Due to confusion on behalf of the Missouri residents regarding who was making the calls, I asked Russ to provide a copy of the script that is used to make the calls. He declined to provide that copy but assured me that "these conversations begin with the clear representation that the caller is calling on behalf of the Coalition...there is complete transparency with respect to what Coalition members are saying and doing."

Please let me know if you need anything else or further clarification.

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